

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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New Companies

Jackson County

Google will expand its data center network to northeast Alabama. This will be Google's 14th data center world wide. The company will invest \$600 million and hire up to 100 employees. Located in the Bridgeport/Stevenson area, the 350 acre TVA-owned site has the electrical and water infrastructure that the company needed. Construction is expected to begin in 2016.

Colbert County

American Intermodal Container Manufacturing Company and Navistar, will jointly produce 53-foot-long high tensile steel domestic shipping containers at Barton Riverfront Industrial Park. American Intermodal will use about 400,000 s/f of the plant currently occupied by Navistar and FreightCar America. Created in 2012, American Intermodal partnered with Centerline Limited who will build an advanced robotic welding and fully integrated assembly production system that will have the capacity to produce more than 15,000 containers per year and includes an environmentally friendly paint system. Centerline is building the assembly line in Windsor, Ontario and expects to have it completed by December. They will then disassemble the line and install it at the Barton plant. Navistar will do the manufacturing process. The plant should be in full

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Alabama's New & Expanding Report

In 2014, Alabama had 392 new and expanded companies for a total of 18,137 jobs and investment of \$3,374,724,899. Of this total, the North Alabama region had 125 new and expanded companies for a total of 5,969 jobs and investment of \$731,428,351.

Source: Alabama Department of Commerce's 2014 New and Expanding Report

HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology in Huntsville, Alabama has had an economic impact on Alabama exceeding \$1.3 billion since opening in 2006. HudsonAlpha and its associate companies have generated 1,177 jobs in Alabama.

Source: University of Alabama in Huntsville

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production by March 2016. These containers are the type that are seen doubled-stacked on trains and only used in America. This new start-up will provide 125 local jobs.

Expanding Companies

Marshall County

Metal Research, Inc., founded in 1964, announced the company will invest \$2 million and is expanding to a new location in Conners Island’s East Park. The new facility will house 10,000 s/f of climate controlled manufacturing space, and 3,500 s/f of support operations. The company will add high-tech manufacturing equipment and capacity to enhance their existing operations. In addition to liquid-fueled space craft propulsion systems and hardware and other aerospace work, Metal Research also focuses on oil and natural gas support equipment. There will be several new jobs added.

Dixie Grinders, Inc. announced the company will be adding 10,000 s/f and additional machinery to their facility. Founded in Guntersville in 1984, the company produces industrial meat grinders. They also offer replacement parts, rebuilding and service. They will add 10 new employees.

K&A Fabrication, LLC in Guntersville, is adding 9,000 s/f to expand their manufacturing facility. Founded in 2006, K&A offers a full range of metal processing, design, and fabrication and are heavily involved with construction attachments, and custom fabrication. The company has plans to increase employment over the next five years.

Cullman County

American Proteins, Inc., located in Hanceville, announced the company will invest \$7,400,000 for expansion. The company will upgrade current equipment and expand the pet food division.

American Proteins, the largest poultry rendering plant in the world, processes raw materials into nutrient rich feed supplements for the poultry, livestock and pet food industries around the world.

VISITS

During the month of May and June NAIDA assisted 5 prospect visits to North Alabama.

“WORLD CHAMPIONS”



International Rocketry Challenge, at the Paris Air Show in France, was won by Alabama’s **Russellville City School (RCS) Engineering Team**. The team, ages 14-18, achieved a winning flight score of 49.53 and logged an altitude of 824 feet. The team competed against Britain, France and Japan. Scores were determined by how close the rockets approached the required height and time. The contest required rockets to separate into at least two sections during flight and the main section containing a payload of one raw hen’s egg and an altimeter, had to return to the ground safely with a single parachute as its sole recovery device. The competition required a 10-minute presentation phase of a review of each rocket revision since the original design and was followed by an 8-minute question and answer session. *Raytheon Company sponsors the National Competition*

DID YOU KNOW

- Fishing is a major hobby in the south.
- Anglers spend between \$450 million to \$1 billion in Alabama each year on fishing related purchases.
- As much as \$3 million is spent per year at Cullman County’s Smith Lake.
- Alabama has the most fantastic aquatic resources in the world and a very large and unique wildlife climate.
- 8% of surface water in the U.S. flows through Alabama.
- Alabama features 77,000 miles of streams, 500,000 acres of lakes and approximately 250,000 ponds.

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